

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jeffery Thurnau on March 16, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows: In claim 23 delete "the limit" and insert --a limit--.

, lines 5 and 8,

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-30 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: There is no teaching or suggestion in the prior art of the claimed combination having the force imparting member engaged with the electric actuator whereby the force imparting member is axially moveable by the electric actuator, a load sensor coaxially engaged with the force imparting member, the load sensor detecting and transmitting a load signal to a controller; re claim 7, a tensioner having a toroid load sensor and a pulley journaled to a lever arm, the pulley in contact with an endless belt for applying a belt load to the endless belt; re claim 10, using a toroid load cell to detect a belt load, and moving the lever arm to the new lever arm position to set the belt load to the belt load value; re claim 12, engaging a tensioner having a toroid load sensor with a belt, and detecting the belt load with the toroid load sensor; re claim 19, engaging a tensioner

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